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SUBJECT: SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS OF TURKEY

REF: (A) ANKARA 5135, (B) STATE 173864, (C) BONN 12512

REGARDING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS TO SENATOR BYRD RE
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